

Appl. No. 09/532,576
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REMARKS

Claims 16, 22, 35, and 53 have been cancelled without prejudice. The subject matter of the cancelled claims has been incorporated into Claims 1, 21, and 40, respectively. Additionally, Claims 1, 21, and 40 have been amended to require that the laminating adhesive comprise air flow management means. Support for the current amendments to Claims 1, 21, and 40 is found in the Specification on page 15, lines 13-25. No new matter has been presented in amended Claims 1, 21, and 40. Additionally, Claims 17, 23, 24, 26, 28, 32-33, 36, 39, and 54 have been amended to change their claim dependency due to Applicants' cancellation of dependent claims. Further, Claims 17, 36, and 54 have been amended to require that the air flow management means comprise the previously claimed air vent channels. No new matter has been presented in amended Claims 1, 17, 21, 36, 40, and 54. The current amendments are believed to place the instant claims in condition for allowance, as discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview of August 17, 2004. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 17-18, 20-21, 23-34, 36-40, 42-52, and 54-57 remain in the instant Application and are presented for the Examiner's reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following additional comments.

Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of August 17, 2004. In substance, Applicants discussed with the Examiner incorporation of the subject matter previously indicated as allowable into Applicants' independent claims. In addition, Applicants discussed providing the "air flow management means" limitation into the independent claims. The Examiner has indicated that this amendment should present the instant Application in condition for allowance in light of the prior art of record.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 40, 42-49, 51-53, 56, and 57 have been finally rejected over Hamilton, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,662,758, in view of Hamilton, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,968,633. Claim 21 has been finally rejected over Hamilton, U.S. Patent No. 5,871,607 in view of Sorensen, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,889,234. Previous arguments made with respect to the three *Hamilton* references and the *Sorensen* reference remain in effect but will not be repeated for the sake of brevity. Applicants traverse this rejection for the following additional reasons:

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1. Applicants' Claims 1, 21, and 40 have been amended to require that the permeable substrate layer be bonded to the back face of the film with a laminating adhesive. Additionally, the laminating adhesive comprises air flow management means.

2. The *Sorensen* and *Hamilton* references are silent and do not teach or suggest adhesively laminating a substrate layer to the back face of a film with a laminating adhesive that comprises air flow management means.

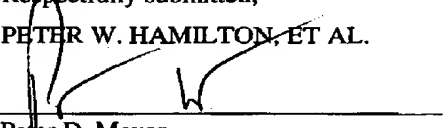
There is no teaching, suggestion, or motivation in the *Hamilton* or *Sorensen* references to provide what Applicants now claim as their invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection to Applicants' Claims 1, 21, and 40 and all the claims dependent thereon.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicants' remaining claims is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512, and no fee is believed due. However, if any additional charges are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to deduct such charge from Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

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